

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for at least ameliorating headache pain of a host, said method comprising:
 - 5 topically applying an affective amount of a topical NSAID formulation to a keratinized skin surface of said host to at least ameliorate said headache pain.
2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said topical NSAID formulation comprises a nonsalicylate NSAID.
- 10 3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said topical formulation is a cream.
4. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said topical formulation is a patch.
- 15 5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said host is a mammal.
6. A method of treating a mammal suffering from headache pain, said method comprising:
 - 20 topically applying a nonsalicylate NSAID formulation to a keratinized skin surface of said mammal for a period of time sufficient for amelioration of said headache pain to occur.
7. The method according to Claim 6, wherein said mammal is a human.
- 25 8. The method according to Claim 6, wherein said formulation is a cream.
9. The method according to Claim 6, wherein said formulation is a patch.

10. The method according to Claim 6, wherein said keratinized skin surface is selected from the group consisting of the forehead, temple and/or occipital region.

11. A method for treating a human suffering from headache pain, said method comprising:

topically applying a nonsalicylate NSAID formulation to at least one of the forehead, temples and/or occipital region of said human to at least reduce said pain.

12. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID formulation is a cream.

13. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID formulation is a patch.

14. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is an acetic acid.

15. The method according to Claim 14, wherein said NSAID is diclofenac.

16. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is indomethacin

17. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is ibuprofen.

18. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said NSAID is ketoprofen.

19. A kit for use in treating a subject suffering from headache pain, said kit comprising:

a topical NSAID formulation; and

instructions for practicing the method according to Claim 1.

20. The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said NSAID formulation comprises a

nonsalicylate NSAID.

21. The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said formulation is a cream.
- 5 22. The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said formulation is a patch.
23. The kit according to Claim 19, wherein said NSAID is an acetic acid.

Patent Application